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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CEILING

1. FEBRUARY 28 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE STATES USAF OFFICERS COME IN FROM THAILAND TO DIRECT AIRLIFT OPERATIONS. ARTICLE STATES QUOTE U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS HERE SAID THEY BELIEVED THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE OF THESE MEN AND THAT THEY WERE CALLED 'LOADING SUPERVISORS' -- BUT THE EMBASSY PROVIDES NO LIST AND NO NAMES. END QUOTE.

2. ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT EMBASSY FORMERLY FLEW IN PERSONNEL FROM THAILAND AND VIETNAM DURING THE DAY BUT DID NOT COUNT THEM UNDER THE CEILING BECAUSE THEY DID NOT STAY OVERNIGHT. QUOTE MR. ENDER'S SUCCESSOR, AMBASADDOR JOHN GUNTHER DEAN, SAID SOME MONTHS AGO THAT HE HAD REDUCED THIS PRACTICE, BUT THE EMBASSY BOOKS ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PRESS. END QUOTE.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT INCLUDING NUMBER OF
USAF OR OTHER USG PERSONNEL INVOLVED, THEIR SPECIFIC
FUNCTIONS, AND HOW THEY ARE TREATED FOR CEILING PURPOSES.
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